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TAGS: OEXC (SALVATORE J. VERDERAME)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SPECIALIST - REQUEST FOR SALVATORE J. VERDERAME

REF: ANYASO-WISHON TELECON MARCH 8

1. POST HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM EGYPTIAN BASKETBALL FEDERATION REQUESTING EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE ARRANGING VISIT TO EGYPT OF BASKETBALL COACH SALVATORE J. "RED" VERDERAME. FEDERATION HAS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY VERDERAME UNDER DEPT (CU) GRANTS SUMMERS OF 1974-75. FEDERATION STATES THAT AS RESULT VERDERAME'S EFFORTS, EGYPTIAN NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM OBTAINED ADVANCED POSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN GAMES HELD AT ALGIERS SEPTEMBER 1975, AND WAS CHAMPION OF EIGHTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP HELD ALEXANDRIA DECEMBER, 1975. AS RESULT, EGYPTIAN TEAM HAS QUALIFIED TO PRESENT AFRICA AT MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES, SUMMER 1976.

2. FEDERATION SPECIALLY REQUESTS VERDERAME TO GIVE BASKETBALL WORKSHOPS AND TO HELP TRAIN EGYPTIAN NATIONAL TEAM FROM JUNE 1 UNTIL DEPARTURE OF TEAM FOR MONTREAL JULY 15. FEDERATION SECRETARY GENERAL STATES THAT SINCE VERDERAME "WELL ACQUAINTED WITH EGYPTIAN PGORAM, HIS ASSISTANCE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR OUR NATIONAL PRESTIGE WHEN TEAM PLAYS THESE IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL MATCHES."

3. VERDERAME WAS SHORT TERM GRANTEE SUMMERS OF 1974 AND 75. HE HAS ESTABLISHED EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH EGYPTIANS, AND HAS BEEN GIVEN CREDIT FOR MUCH OF SUCCESS OF EGYPTIAN TEAM. HE IS A SKILLED PROFESSIONAL, AND A GOOD REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN
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ATHLETICS GENERALLY. THOUGH POST WOULD NOT NORMALLY RECOMMEND

THIRD CONSECUTIVE GRANT FOR SPECIALIST SUCH AS VERDERAME,
BELIEVE HIS EXCEPTIONAL SUCCESS IN WORKING WITH EGYPTIAN TEAM
AND FACT OF OLMPIC GAMES THIS YEAR JUSTIFIES EXCEPTION.

4. BELIEVE VERDERAME HOME ADDRESS 41 CRESCENT BLUFF AVE,
BRANFORD, CONN.

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